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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to an Office Action issued December 23, 1996, in connection with the above-identified application. A response to this Action originally was due March 23, 1997. Accompanying this Response is a request for a two-month extension of time along with a check in the amount of the required fee. In view of the filing of this petition and the payment of the fee, a response is now due on or before May 23, 1997. Accordingly, this amendment and response is timely filed.